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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Variscan O/G Chroma Printer

1. As the result of a telephone conversation with [redacted] who are the local representatives of [redacted] the following information was obtained concerning the subject Viewer/Printer:

a. Only one system has been built and is currently at SAC, Omaha, Nebraska.

b. It is wholly uneconomical to build only one system.

c. In lots of five systems the cost would be around [redacted] each as quoted in their brochure of 8 October 1969.

d. [redacted] Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence is supposedly looking for four or five instruments to modify. If none are found [redacted] may drop the program.

2. [redacted] AFNICAD, was then contacted regarding the four or five instruments for modification. He stated they would like to modify a number of them, but did not have the necessary funding [redacted] He indicated this number was established by [redacted], who makes the Variscan Modifications, and that it was a matter of economics to set up and modify five at a time. [redacted] also indicated he would arrange for any NPIC personnel to test the instrument at Offutt AFB.

3. The system was on display at the Air Force Symposium held in Salt Lake City in August and the output material was examined by several NPIC representatives. It is their consensus that the material would be suitable for work prints only but that the cost of the system far outweighs that application. There were very noticeable streaks, voids, and lack of grey scale in the sample materials.

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